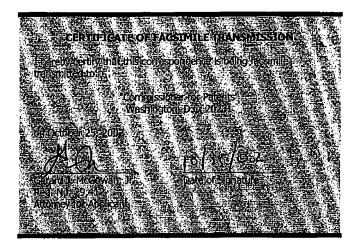
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to file a Response for one month from September 25, 2002 to October 25, 2002.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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